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SUBJECT: M-113 SALES

1. WE ARE FASCINATED BY ROME 19790 (NOTAL) REPORT THAT 200  
M-113S MIGHT BE SOLD BY OTO - MELARA TO YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC.  
WE KNOW NOTHING OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY BUT WITH ARAB OIL  
PRODUCERS PREPARED TO PAY SOME BILLS FOR YAR MILITARY MODERN-  
IZATION, WE MIGHT NOT RPT NOT BE TOLD OF THIS ASPECT OF ARAB  
DIPLOMACY UNTIL TIME COMES TO WRITE THE CONTRACT.

2. DESPITE THAT POSSIBILITY, WE WONDER IF TOT-MELARA ISN'T  
LOOKING FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO A FISHING LICENSE, HOPING THAT  
IF THEY CAN INTEREST FIRST THE YEMENIS AND THEN (SAY) THE  
EMIRATES, THEY CAN MAKE A DEAL.

3. CAN ROME PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION? YEMEN HAS JUST BEGUN  
A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PROGRAM OF MILITARY MODERNIZATION,  
BASICALLY WITH US EQUIPMENT, BUT WITHOUT M-113S. SAUDIS  
ARE PAYING THE BILL. IF SAUDIS HAVE ADDED TO THE EQUIP-  
MENT LIST WE'D BE VERY INTERESTED. IF SOMEONE ELSE HAS  
DONE SO, NO DOUBT SAUDIS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED.  
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